

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

Gov. Toole Says that the Certificates Were Unknown to Him Until Found.

No Quorum in the House Yesterday and Very Little Legislative Talk.

Some Talk of a Republican Scheme to Oust Senator McNamara—What the Rump Did.

The simple fact is that Gov. White's private secretary, Benjamin Webster, Esq., of this city, called Gov. Toole's attention to these certificates the day following his inauguration and suggested that they might be sent to him for completion.

Now this is what Governor Toole says about the certificates of five Silver Bow democratic legislators left unsigned by ex-Governor White in his office at the court house:

"I never saw the certificates nor heard of them until Mr. Lacroix, my private secretary, called my attention to them while removing the records of the governor's office. The statement in the Herald that Mr. Webster had called my attention to them is false. After the publication in the INDEPENDENT of the discovery of these certificates, Mr. Webster, late private secretary of ex-Governor White, called at my office and said he would like to ask me whether the certificates were in the office. I replied that they were. He said that Governor White claimed to have sent them out 'under his own hand.' I have no recollection of casting upon my predecessor in this matter. I suppose he can explain the matter to his own satisfaction." The governor's statement of the matter satisfactorily disposes of the Herald's attempt to show that he knew of the existence of the certificates before they were found by his secretary. We are now ready to hear ex-Governor White's explanation.

The session of the house of representatives yesterday was very brief. At 2 o'clock when called together it was found by the roll call that no quorum was present. After prayer had been offered by Rev. Dr. Price, in the absence of the house chaplain, Mr. Breen asked for leave of absence for Mr. Crutcher. It was found that several of the representatives had not returned from their homes. Upon motion an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock this morning. The representatives attended the mineral land convention in a body. It is by no means certain that a quorum will be present at this morning's session. The most interesting part of the proceedings will be a discussion of Mr. Conly's resolution presented to the house on Wednesday. It is expected that it will be participated in by nearly all the representatives of the house.

Governor Toole has thus far received few applications for appointments to office. There are several fit men at the disposal of his excellency. There is an inspector of mines to be appointed at a salary of \$2,500 a year, and a deputy who will receive \$6 a day for actual services, providing his bill to the state does not amount to more than \$200. The inspector must give a bond of \$5,000 and his deputy one for \$2,500. The duty of these officers is to inspect mines, see that they are properly timbered and well supplied with good air, etc. Then there are two boiler inspectors to be appointed. The chief gets a salary of \$200 a month and his assistant receives a salary of \$150 a month. They are required to give the same bonds as the inspectors of mines. As the name indicates the inspector must examine boilers, condemning those that are in any way dangerous. There is a public examiner to be appointed and a warden to the penitentiary at Deer Lodge. The office of public examiner was created by the last territorial legislature for the purpose of keeping a continual examination of the state accounts. The executive may thus be quickly informed if there are any irregularities that need attention. The salaries to these offices have not been fixed and will not be until the first legislature of the state of Montana gets together and settles the matter.

The rump house has experienced much difficulty in finding a chaplain to look after the spiritual interests of the members. After Rev. Mr. Allen declined the position the rumpers endeavored to secure the services of Rev. A. D. Raleigh, the pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church. Mr. Raleigh announced that he was unable to accept the place. He did not care to be mixed in the political muddle nor identify himself in any way with either faction. Like Mr. Allen, he did not feel in a position to decide who was right or wrong or to even countenance the position of either side by participating in the proceedings. The rumpers then went to Rev. F. T. Webb of St. Peter's church, and secured his services. Mr. Webb said that he felt that it was his duty to pray for these people when called upon. It is hoped that Dr. Webb will supplement the honorary duties of the chaplain by a little outside missionary work with these brethren. They should be made to see the error of their ways.

It is doubtful if two men are earning their salaries easier than Engraving Clerk Emmett Ryan and Enrolling Clerk Vincent Fortune. Besides a little outside work they have nothing to do. When the house gets to work at legislation, if this period comes, they will be busy enough. Chief Clerk Pond's principal duty is calling the roll. Assistant Clerk Ed Conner seems the busiest one of all, though his duties do not seem to wear on his health.

The republican senators held their customary brief session at the court house last evening. The minutes of the previous were read by Senator Babcock, the temporary clerk. The roll was called, and no honorarium being present the meeting was adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning. As Lieut. Gov. Rickards remarked, the republican senators are earning their salaries very easy but it may be a more difficult matter to get them.

The latest political rumor is that W. H. Watson, who was defeated by Senator McNamara, of Fergus county, will contest the latter's seat in the senate. He presents peculiar claims at a very late date. Senator McNamara is a partner in the post trading firm of Broadwater, McNamara & Co., at Fort Maguinis. He therefore lives on the military reservation, although he is a heavy taxpayer in Fergus county. It is understood that Watson will make a contest on the ground that McNamara is ineligible as a senator because living on the reservation he is not a resident of the county. This ridiculous quibble will amount to nothing. The senate has the sole and only power to pass upon the qualification of its members, and this body will not be organized until the democratic senators decide to join the republican senators. Moreover, Mr. McNamara has the best legal advice that there are not the slightest grounds for McNamara's contest. The wear and tear on republican brains in the hatching up of new schemes may send the conspirators to the insane asylum before many weeks.

The county commissioners should see that the heavy outside doors at the court house are hung so that they will swing easier. It takes all the strength that the average man possesses to open these heavy affairs. Yesterday a frail little lady, after using her strength in vain endeavors, was compelled to wait outside for five minutes until a gentleman came along to open the doors.

The representatives have noticed the fact that no railroad passes have been given out to the "house of representatives of the first legislative body of the state of Montana." They are wondering when the giver of these good things will come around with his bundle of welcome favors.

SIXTH DAY AT THE RUMP.

They Finally Secure a Preacher to Pray for Them.

The rump house met for the sixth time yesterday, and for the sixth time they did not have any one to pray for them. Brother Bray tendered his services as chaplain, but it was soon rumored about that he sold sand with his sugar and his spiritual exhortations were refused with thanks. A rear rump relieved the situation by announcing that the Rev. F. T. Webb had expressed his willingness to serve as chaplain, and so pleased was the assemblage at finding some one who considered them not past praying for, that Mr. Webb's election was made unanimous. There was just a bare quorum present when the roll was called shortly after 2 o'clock. Bernard and Seligman were on hand as usual. The bunch of faded flowers stood on the chief speaker's, Witter's, desk, and seemed to piteously plead for a drop of water, which it has not had since Mrs. Herschfield placed it there. After the reading of the last minutes, in which was embodied a notice by Stebbins that he would at yesterday's session move to reconsider the vote by which a committee was nominated to engage new quarters, the committee appointed for that purpose reported favorably on accepting the old Y. M. C. A. hall in the Granite block, and Stebbins not being present to force his motion to reconsider, the presiding officer was directed to offer with State Auditor Price and a quorum for the Granite block hall. Goodwin suggested that as he understands the state constitution, the rump could not change its quarters without the consent of the senate, but no attention was paid to his suggestions. Mr. Witter then called off the order of business, and when he reached "Introduction of bills," a smile crept over his countenance and he passed on to "Resolutions and memorials." Rump Howey introduced a joint memorial, but as there was no joint committee, he suggested that it be referred to a committee. It is as follows:

"To the Honorable the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives: Whereas, The Northern Pacific Railroad company by virtue of its land grant, claims a right of title to a large tract of the mineral lands of Montana, these mineral lands containing the precious metals being for the most part in the mountainous portions of the state; whereas, congress in its grant to the railroad company has excluded all mineral lands excepting those containing coal and iron, and whereas, if said railroad company should procure patents to the lands containing the precious metals and now claimed by said company, a great injustice would be done to many of our citizens, who have recorded mines on these lands, and besides would be ruinous to our mining interests, we the undersigned, in behalf of our state and by the concentration of such a vast and valuable portion of the public domain, under the control of a single corporation, would be a menace to the political rights of our people. Now, therefore, we, your petitioners, the house of representatives of the state of Montana, do most earnestly pray your honorable bodies to take immediate action as to prevent the issuance of patents to the Northern Pacific railroad company whereby said company may acquire title to any of the mineral lands of Montana other than those containing iron and coal."

This was referred to Howey, Thompson and Loud, and the rump adjourned until this morning and slowly walked out of the back yard, over the carelessly scattered cord-wood, under clothes lines, through the diggings, down a sloppy alley finally reaching Main street and then proceeded to the convention at Eugene hall.

PERSONAL.

Will Kennedy and wife, of Boulder, are in the city.

Mrs. Curtis M. Hill, of Wickes, is in the city visiting friends.

Register Langhorne was about yesterday for the first time in two weeks.

J. O. Hassey, of White Sulphur Springs, was in town last night on his way east.

I. P. Eisenback and H. W. Shattuck, of Spokane Falls, are at the Cosmopolitan.

Dave McCann, owner and operator of mines at Sheridan, is in town meeting many old friends.

C. Goehardt, J. Colburn and A. G. Welbeling, of Pioneer, are attending the Mineral Land convention.

C. K. Hardenbrook, "Jaky" Robinson and Dr. J. H. Owings, of Deer Lodge, are at the Grand Central.

T. A. Bennett, the mining man, leaves today for London on business connected with the sale of the Elkhorn mine.

Phil, Gibson, of Great Falls, is in town telling his friends about the hens that were laying for him. He is at the Broadwater.

J. H. McDermott, Jamestown, Dak.; W. H. Watson, of Lewiston, and Thomas E. Brady and wife, of Great Falls, are at the Merchants.

Dave Roerum, an old pioneer, came in from Boulder on the Yellowstone yesterday, and is shaking hands with many old acquaintances.

Otto Eckhardt, a California mining expert, is in the city spring out the land with a view to investing for California capitalists. He is staying at the Merchants.

Wm. McQueen, of Elkhorn, is formerly superintendent of the Holter mine, is visiting the city and staying at the Merchants. In a few days he will go to Salt Lake City.

Among the Butteites who are attending the Mineral Land convention and registered at the Cosmopolitan are Judge A. H. Barrett, A. Fred Wey, Tom Andrews and Hon. Lee Mantle.

Ed. McKinstry, Dr. A. H. Mitchell, Thos. Strang, Dr. Geo. Douglass, R. W. Eddy, Chas. D. Kenyon, W. Faer, John F. Stranball, John Tingle and Rodney Wing, all of Deer Lodge, are at the Cosmopolitan.

Dr. G. H. Sligh has been tendered the appointment of surgeon for the Granite Mountain Mining company and is holding the matter under consideration. Dr. Pleasant has resigned.

H. Monzie, Elliston; Phil. Rupter, Marysville; G. S. Lees, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. C. Wamby and two children, Marysville; J. Evans, London, Eng.; H. Clark, city; J. A. Davis, Marysville, are among the arrivals at the Woolridge hotel.

Charles Glidden, of Chico, on the upper Yellowstone, is in town attending the mineral land convention. Mr. Glidden is one of the arguments of California and old time placer miner of the Yellowstone country. His last visit to Helena occurred twenty-three years ago, when he picked his horse near the present location of the court house.

THREE HAPPY COUPLES.

Hunter-Gilmour, Little-Fraser and McFadden-Deal Nuptials.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 5 o'clock p. m., the Rev. W. J. Hunter was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Gilmour at the residence of the bride's parents in the valley. The groom is a well known and successful business man of Helena, having for several years been prominent in the real estate business here and noted for his good qualities both of head and heart. The bride is the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gilmour. She comes of an old and honorable Scotch family, is highly educated and is lovely both in person and character. The wedding was a quiet one, witnessed only by the relatives of the bride couple and a few intimate friends. The bride's dress was a handsome white corded silk, with the traditional white veil and orange blossoms. She held in her hand a beautiful bouquet of white flowers; her ornaments were diamonds. The groom wore the conventional black. The only attendants were Mr. Sid. Witherbee, groomsmen, and Miss Lizzie Gilmour, sister of the bride, bridesmaid. The marriage ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by the Rev. Mr. Moore of the Presbyterian church (of which the bride is a member) assisted by Rev. Mr. Price of the Methodist church. After congratulations were tendered the newly wedded pair, the company were invited in to partake of a most sumptuous dinner. When all had regaled themselves the company were delighted with music, a number of old and beautiful Scotch airs (the bride and groom both being of Scotch descent.) In a short time the bride and groom attired in traveling costume, bade good-bye to their many friends and departed, followed by a shower of rice and old shoes, for a protracted bridal tour. They will visit all the northwestern cities and spend some time visiting relatives and friends in Canada, the former home of both bride and groom. After their return they will occupy their handsome house on Richmond Hill, where they will be at home to all their friends.

Among the assembled guests were Mrs. and Miss Witherbee, Mrs. Judge McConnell, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Minnie, Mrs. Eyles, Mrs. Riley, Miss McConnell, Miss Hunter, Miss McBride, Rev. Dr. Quinn, Messrs. J. R. Johnston, Munroe, Spencer, Joe Mowbray, Frank Minnie, Prof. Nonan, T. E. Crutcher, McCabe, Riley, Frazier, Dodd and James Flynn.

Little-Fraser.

Howard Little, of this city, and Miss Minnie Fraser were married Thanksgiving night at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Samuel Marsh, No. 449 Eighth avenue. The bride wore cream colored surah silk, trimmed with watered ribbons, with train; basque cut V shape, veil and orange blossoms. The bridesmaid, Miss Maria Little, wore light blue surah silk, trimmed with ribbons, basque cut V shape, filled tulle. The groomsmen were Martin L. Higgins. About twenty friends witnessed the ceremony and joined with the happy couple in discussing refreshments. A large number of valuable presents were received. After the reception the couple left via the Northern Pacific on a wedding tour to St. Paul.

Anthony McFadden and Miss Ida L. Deal were married Thursday night at the residence of the bride's parents, the Rev. C. B. Allen, Jr., officiating.

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